

WOMAN'S WORLD.

A LATE WRINKLE IS THE SUMMER GIRL'S DRESS SUIT CASE.

The Olio Club Is Up to Date—Advises a Wheel Instead of Drugs—Mrs. Emily P. Collins—Memphis Women Organize—Let Women Be Women—Woman in War.

Bachelor girls continue to rob poor man of his scant possessions.

The last wrinkle wrangled from the dude is the dress suit case. Almost any hour in the long summer day girls may be seen running in and out of town with sole leather or hopskin case in one hand and a cane shaped umbrella in the other. They are off to or back from a sail, a boat club concert, a country dance, a summer resort hop or a clam bake, and the case contains the proper outfit—duck or sail cloth for the water, taffeta for the musicale or something indescribable for the ballroom, with shoes and gloves to match.

There is no telling who started the dress suit case fashion. Credit is divided between coaching parties and country weddings. Even with special trains and private cars it is hard to wear a drawing room toilet on the journey and escape annoyance. If accidents do not happen, there is apt to be prolonged anxiety, and that is exhausting. Professional entertainers, who fiddle, warble, read fortunes in cards, stars and hands and charlatans who go to private houses purporting to conduct conversations between the dead and the credulous have long carried valises, but this is the first time in the history of trunk-making that girls have handled dress suit cases.

There is no sex in the innovation. Prices range from \$3 to \$40, according to the leather used. The design is uniform, containing minimum space for a shirt, waistcoat, dresscoat and trousers. It is exceptional to find anything but canvas lining or even a pocket big enough for a comb. A few have telescoped covers, but they are too clumsy to be popular. The trimmings are of the simplest design. A very good case made of cowhide sells for \$18. The \$12 article is not bad, but cheaper goods are heavy to carry and ugly to look at. Fabrics of this season lend themselves to close packing. The crushable silks, crepons and crinkled silk and mull do up and undo as nicely as linen.

Parallel to fashion runs the business enterprise. Women who sell books, jewelry, corsets, trimming and dress-makers' supplies for a living carry their samples in a dress suit case. The butler and hall men have a good opinion of a dress suit case and frequently grant privileges that have to be speedily withdrawn.

Still another article has been plundered from his highness—the key chain, latch key, guarding ring and all. Instead of fastening it to a brass button and wearing it in her pocket the guard is put in a button of her waistcoat and the keys worn where the good shepherds carried the stray lamb, or else a button-hole is worked in the skirt band, and the chain dangles at the side after the manner of the time honored "huzzy." Only \$40 or \$50 gold chains are worn this way. Silver chains hang inside the skirt, pendant from the belt.—New York World.

The Olio Club.

The Olio club is probably the only woman's club gifted with a "yell." It is a name which lends itself readily to oral demonstration—"Oh-oh-o-o-o" or something like that. Yes, depend upon it, the Olio club is one which is bound to make a noise and a stir in the world. It is progressive, energetic and full of righteous aims. The latest achievement of the Olio is a summer clubhouse. The idea was projected at a recent "screen" meeting of this go ahead club, and there and then the amount of money necessary to rent a clubhouse for all summer was unhesitatingly subscribed. That was Olio club all over—doing what it had to do both well and quickly.

So the summer club station is now in full blast. It has 32 rooms and is situated at Lake Geneva, that idyllic summer place of Wisconsin. And the clubhouse is ideal to match. At first blush of the project it was suggested that the club members who took turns in sojourning there should also take care of the house. But a sensible woman threw her whole energy into upstating this idea. "Go there to rest," she said, "and lumber yourself with housework, and in a week your temper will be ruined, and you will be ready to claw and to scratch."

So when the ladies of first occupancy undertook to furnish their rooms they also furnished the place with cook and second girl and janitor. Several of the ladies took their own horses and carriages thither, and there are three boats belonging to the place, to say nothing of a piano, though that does seem a little irrelevant.

The place is called "Sans Souci," and the title fits. Each lady furnishes her own room, so it is deliciously like a camp out affair. Mrs. J. W. Thomas and Mrs. Mitchell stand at the head of the innovation, and members visit there in turn, taking care to give notice sufficiently far ahead.—Chicago Post.

Advise a Wheel Instead of Drugs.

Bicycle riding, says Dr. Denslow Lewis of Chicago, as well as all other forms of outdoor exercise, is in my opinion, decidedly beneficial, especially for our American girls and women. Fortunately for them, that most autocratic of all dictators, fashion, has of late years decreed a greater indulgence in tennis, golf, bicycle riding and other outdoor sports to the very great benefit of the sex. Perhaps this is a form of Anglomania. If so, it shows we have adopted one of the many common sense ideas that prevail in England in regard to matters of everyday life. Whatever the cause, it is certainly no longer fashionable for our young women to be delicate, nor is it today a disgrace for them to compete with men in outdoor sports

nor to be the possessors of a good appetite and a perfect digestion. I have known many cases of anemia, associated with amenorrhea and otherwise complicated, to recover sound health by bicycle riding. In my private practice I have several times prescribed a bicycle in place of drugs in these cases and invariably with satisfactory results. A word of caution must be added. Conceding the value of bicycle riding under suitable conditions, it must be remembered that there are times when all forms of violent exercise are injurious. In inflammatory diseases the bicycle should be used only under professional advice. It stands to reason that women who ride the bicycle should be properly clothed. Corsets and all articles of dress that constrict the waist should be discarded. The seat should be secure as in riding a horse. The "leap frog" position should be avoided, and due discretion should be exercised as regards over doing.

Mrs. Emily P. Collins.

The Equal Rights club of Hartford has just celebrated the eightieth anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Emily P. Collins, who sent the first petition to the New York legislature (in 1849) asking for the right of suffrage for women. She was the organizer of the first female suffrage society in Ontario county, N. Y., in 1848, and from that time she has devoted her life to the interest of equal suffrage. Mrs. Collins was the founder and one of the first presidents of the Equal Rights club in this city and is one of the foremost supporters of woman suffrage in Connecticut. She was born in Bristol, Ontario county, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1814, being the daughter of James Parmelee, who served in the Revolutionary army. He was a native of Killingworth, Conn., and served in the Connecticut forces.

Mrs. Collins was educated at Lima seminary and taught school in her early days. Her first husband was Charles Peltier of Hartford, a prominent homeopathic practitioner here, is a son by this first marriage. Her second husband was Simri Collins of South Bristol, N. Y., who was a lawyer by profession. During the civil war she had two sons, Dr. P. D. Peltier and E. Burke Collins, in the Union army. In 1864, after the battle of New Market, in Virginia, she joined her son, Dr. Peltier, at Martinsburg, where he was post surgeon, and served as a nurse in the Union hospitals during the campaign in the Shenandoah.

Mrs. Collins has resided in Hartford for a number of years since the war and has been a leading factor in suffrage agitation and work. She is a woman of marked ability and one of the readiest speakers among the Connecticut suffragists.—Hartford Letter.

Memphis Women Organize.

A most remarkable meeting was held a few weeks ago in the parlors of a fashionable hotel in Memphis. It was a gathering of a considerable body of the city's leading women, socially and philanthropically regarded, who had come in response to a call for the women interested in furthering the manufacturing interests of the city.

It ended in the forming of a woman's auxiliary to supplement the work of the Young Men's Business League. Their motto is evidently to be loyal to Memphis in every way and devoted to her best interests. They undertake to secure the Memphis trade for the Memphis manufacturer. Other things being equal, the Memphis buyer is to be urged to become a patron of the Memphis maker.

Schemes for town improvement have already been undertaken, and the spirit of sincerity with which the matter has been taken up is indicated in the presiding officer's—Mrs. William Randolph—address, who cautioned her listeners against the first enthusiasm, which sometimes dies out, and urged them to serious, persistent effort.

It is significant that almost every woman present was a clubwoman and that Memphis is one of the most flourishing of women's club centers in the south. This is right in line with the work of club women on every side. They first organize, consolidate and try their own abilities to acquire knowledge and information. Then comes the desire to apply their new found strength in practical ways. Such is going to be the constantly increasing character and value of the work of women's clubs.

Let Women Be Women.

Here is food for thought. However much we may desire to shirk the question, there is no doubt that woman is not so adorable in her weakness as she is. The more nearly she approaches man in manners and dress the further she is removed from an angel or the similitude of one. The tempestuous petulant, the bawling frills and laces—or, in a nutshell, the gewgaws of feminine attire—have as much to do with her tyranny over the stronger races as her virtues and loveliness, and she knows her power. She enshrines herself in her dress, which is to her what the setting is to the jewel. But attire the woman in trousers, vest and coat, and what a poor, puny mortal she becomes! A thing you despise, gentlemen, but arrayed in all the monopoly of fashion and finery she appears as a being most of you are terribly afraid of. Well, we would rather be afraid of her than despise her. Let her retain the similitude of an angel rather than ape man in dress.—Holyoke Democrat.

Woman's Share in War.

Senator Hoar, who takes the side of the woman suffragists in a controversy with Rev. Dr. J. M. Buckley in The Century, says:

I do not think that the capacity to bear arms, which is sometimes suggested as essential to the right to vote, has anything to do with it. It is said that it is not just that any class of persons should have a voice in deciding whether the nation shall go to war that is not itself exposed to the perils of war. But we apply no such principle to the large



PRETTY AFTERNOON DRESSES.

The gown on the right is of seal crepon with black ribbon loops and bows over fans. There are wide moire ravers, with black jet guimp over shrimp pink ribbon. The vest front is of white chiffon and lace. The center figure shows a white serge suit, tailor finished, with white satin vest, cuffs and revers. The bonnet is to be a leading style this fall, and is of cherry ribbon and gaudy silk. The gown shown on the left is of pink figured challie trimmed with black silk.

number of persons who are above the military age, the persons who are physically unfitted to bear arms or the persons whom we exempt because of their profession, as clergymen, or because of their being assigned to other public duties, as legislators. Certainly the woman who cannot go to war does not so much deserve to be disfranchised as the man who can't go and won't. Besides in modern times women have to bear a large share both of the risk and of the burden of carrying on war. That new occupation—I am sometimes tempted to say the most valuable and useful of all professions which in our time has been added to the list of higher human employments—that of the trained nurse, belongs to women.

A Grave Question Decided.

I regret to see that the powers who adjudge upon delicate questions of precedence appear to have definitely decided that the Duchess of Coburg shall be placed on the same footing as the Princess of Wales. At the time of the last ball I commented on the fact that they entered abreast, but there was some doubt as to whether it was by accident or design. All doubts, however, were set at rest by the semi-official announcement before the ball last Monday that once more the princess and duchess "would enter side by side." This is a concession that ought not to have been made, and the Duchess of Coburg should have been relegated to a back seat. In this country the princess should take precedence of every one save the queen and not admit foreign royalties, however aspiring or ardent, to rank equally with her.—London Figaro.

Motherhood and Intellect.

Those who are opposed to the idea are fond of the argument that the higher education is too much of a strain for the physical woman, and that it unfits her for her first and highest duty—motherhood. In view of this assertion Mrs. Fawcett of England has for some time past been collecting the photographs of babies whose mothers have received university educations. This collection she has recently presented to Newnham college, and it is said that a more vigorous and healthy set of young ones it would be hard to find. These sturdy little beings represent an actual condition and not a theory, so those who still object to chemistry and higher mathematics for their women folks will have to move their guns to another point.

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Her majesty the queen waved her acceptance. "Sirrah," she cried, addressing the chamberlain of the royal cow stable, "I understand they've been naming York's baby?"

The mental, upon whose breast glittered all the orders save that of the garter, which glittered in the usual place, admitted that such was the fact.

"How many names did they give him?" asked her highness. "Eighteen, your majesty." "Victoria named."

"Command them," she said after a time, "to make it an even two dozen. We can't have anybody mentioned in the same breath with the baby, you know."

Turning to her desk, she signed the imperial rescript confining maids of honor to two lumps of sugar in their coffee.—Detroit Tribune.

The Reason. Deacon Lamplblack—Lor, chile, how stout you'se gittin! W-what de reason ob dat?

Little Washington Johnson—Mister Smith, what lbs next door ter us, hab built a stention to his benhouse.—Truth.

A Cherished Document. The simple people of Alsace, who retain in their hearts a strong love for France at the same time that they are desirous not to offend their German rulers too much, have a hard time of it when they are brought to the ballot box to vote for representatives in the German parliament. In one election in a certain Alsatian district the two candidates were Kable, an Alsatian of French sympathies, who had protested against the annexation after the war of 1870, and a German.

On election day a peasant came to the polling place, which was presided over by a German official. The peasant had in one hand a ticket on which was printed the name of Kable, and in the other a ticket bearing the name of the German candidate.

"Mein herr," he said to the German election officer, "will you tell me which of these two tickets is the better one?" The officer looked at them.

"Why, this is much preferable," said he, indicating the German's ticket. "Ah, I thank you!" answered the peasant. "I will keep it next my heart."

He folded it carefully and put it in his inside coat pocket. "As for this other, then," said he, with an air of putting it away from him as an unworthy thing, "I will leave it here!" And he put the Kable ticket in the ballot box.—Youth's Companion.

A Natural Misunderstanding. They were talking over the long distance telephone. "Abominable weather, this," said the man at the New York end as he finished the business conversation and noted that he had two minutes more of talking time to his credit, in using the phone.

"Marvelous," said the man at the Chicago end sympathetically. "I have to take the greatest care of myself," said the New Yorker. "Me, too," replied the Chicago man. "And even then I suffer awfully."

"So do I." "And war cabbage leaves in my hat." "What!" said the Chicago man. "Cabbage leaves, you know—protect from the heat." "Great Scott! From the heat?" "Yes," said the New Yorker man. "Isn't that what you were talking about?" "Mercy, no!" said the Chicago talker. "I was talking about the excessive cold!"—Chicago Record.

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